

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



August 2013



No regular meeting this month. See you at the Sizzler in September

Did this cake really feed 110 deserving DXers?

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

For real time DX spotting and lively conversation on a variety of subjects, join us on 144.415 MHz.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:

W6YA, Jim, will tell us about his search for DX in all the entities on the deleted list.

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER

AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M.

DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Dan Severance, N6ERD

My thanks to everyone who worked
hard to make the Summer Bash a
GREAT SUCCESS!

Next year we are off the hook

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT THE
SIZZLER.

CU There.

73, Dan, N6ERD

Vice President's Report

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greetings to all!

The annual Summer Bash is in the books and it was a huge success! I would like to thank all those that attended the event. A huge amount of gratitude goes out to Glenn, K6NA, and his lovely YL, Jane, for making their home available for the rather large gathering and the extraordinary amount of effort that they put in to make it such a special event! A special round of thanks to those that took time out of their day(s) to come early and/or stay late to help setup and teardown! I would also like to say thanks to those for the loan and transportation of all the canopies, chairs, coolers, extra propane, etc. This was a massive effort and would not have gone off so well without the all help from all of those involved! Also a big thanks to the SCDXC for the check they brought to help toward the expenses! I could go on and on, but the bottom line is **Thank You!**

Post-Bash, we reviewed the guestbook and found that 110 guests were in attendance. That is about a 38% increase from our last hosted bash – “Go Sunspots!” It was very close to a 50-50 mix of attendees representing the SDDXC and the SCDXC (w/SCCC members). It was especially nice to see all those that drove down from the greater L.A. area and beyond. And it's always great to see our elected ARRL officials at these gatherings, too. I know you all welcomed the following DX'ers who support us within the League: Southwestern Division Director Dick, N6AA and Vice Director Marty, N6VI. Congratulations to you both on another term. Truly quite a feat to run unopposed and a great testament to the FB job you're doing! Also in attendance were former Directors Fried, WA6WZO and Art, W6XD; and current Section Managers David, N6HD (LAX) and Carl, WU6D (Orange).

Those that have done food planning for large groups know it is difficult to procure everything “exactly right.” Based on the RSVP's received (around 85) we had planned on the attendance being around 100-120. Glenn, Jane, Ellen and I worked diligently on the menu to provide a nice variety for the guests, and we hit it pretty well. Once all the provisions were on site, it was looking like there might have been way too much. When it was all said and done there were just a few burger patties and hotdogs left over, along with some condiments. Well, truth be told – there was just enough leftover beer for the cleanup crew to tip one up!

With August being San Diego's turn for the Summer Bash, there will not be a meeting this month at the Sizzler. September's meeting will include our own esteemed Hall of Fame member Jim McCook, W6YA. The program will cover his search for DX in all the entities on the deleted list. Please join us for what should be a great presentation. Last month's meeting by Art Goddard, W6XD, was both informative and entertaining. Thanks to Art and to Marty Woll, N6VI for making the trip to our meeting.

Mark your calendars for the 2013 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention - Buellton - September 6th – 8th. The Southwestern Division's largest Amateur Radio gathering is at the upcoming Division Convention on September 6th – 8th, at the Marriott - Santa Ynez Valley Convention Center and Hotel, 555 McMurray Road, Buellton, CA. Buellton is in the Santa Ynez Valley, next to Solvang, a popular tourist destination.

Hosted by the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club, the convention features talks, prize drawings, and an optional banquet. Saturday morning's swap meet is free for both buyers and sellers. More information can be found at the convention website is at www.swhamcon.com

Congratulations to those in the club that worked HV0A, especially the ones that got him on 40. Really got to love LoTW conformations on that one! There are a number of *Good Ones* active currently. So keep an ear out for 9N – A9 – CE0 – E4 – HC8 – S2 – SV5 and TU. See the full details at the ARRL DX Bulletin <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive/ARLD034/2013>

Ron, N0RR, our editor does a fantastic job on the newsletter. It's only as good as the information he receives, so please take the time to submit any DX related stories, tall tales or musings of a madman to him for consideration. He even has a handy Excel form that he sends out to make it easy. Thanks Ron!

73 & 88's to the pretty ones ~

Wild Bill, WB6BFG

"To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk" ~ Thomas Edison

Treasurers

Report

Ellen, N6UWW



Vice President Wild Bill, WB6BFG, opened the July meeting at Sizzler with a discussion concerning Summer Bash details. The group was asked what they wanted for food. Volunteers were taken for various aspects of the preparations and clean-up chores. Gayle, K6GO, reminded the group that part of the Summer Bash budget includes a cleaning service for the host's home following the event. A Roundtable discussion ensued & was briefly interrupted by the introduction of visitors: NE6H - Norm, W6XD - Art, N6VI - Marty .

Old business - None.

Treasurer's Report was read by WB6BFG in the absence of the Secretary N6UWW. A letter of thanks received from the ARRL for the Club's recent \$300 donation to the Amateur Radio Spectrum Defense Club. Former ARRL SW Division Director Art Goddard W6HD gave a presentation about the public benefit of the Amateur Radio Service.

Summer Bash Guest Book Entries (110) include members of several different organizations (SDDX, SCDX, NCCC, SCCC). Nobody went home hungry and if you weren't there you were talked about. A letter of thanks has been sent to Glenn K6NA & Jane Rattmann along with a check for reimbursement of the expenses incurred by them. They have declined a check for after-bash housecleaning.

We are in receipt of a \$300 check from SCDXC gave for their contribution toward the event.

Treasurer's Report

87 members

Statement Balance 7/31/2013 \$6178.83

Debits Check #572 \$11.87 June speaker's meal

Ellen, N6UWW

Editor's Ramblings

Ron, N0RR

Thanks to John K6AM, Wild Bill WB6BFG, Ed AI6O, Wayne NN6R, Bill N6RV from the SCDXC and Charlie NN3V for their input this month.

During our amateur radio endeavors, I'm sure that most of us have made at least one contribution to the DX fraternity or the larger ham community. This is a story about my latest contribution to those of us dedicated to the never-ending quest to improve our DXCC standings. Admittedly, the goal was to get credit for a recent QSL and advance one notch on the DXCC list for 10m, but in accomplishing that goal, I believe that my efforts also benefitted thousands of others, perhaps several locals in the SDDXC.

If you attended the July club meeting, you may recall that I announced that the Z81X QSLs were out and that I had received my card that very day, July 24, for a 10m QSO back in May. I took advantage of the timely arrival by filling out the application and bringing the card to the meeting for W6YOO to check. After several minutes of meticulous scrutiny in between bites during his dinner, Harry blessed the card.

Thanks to Leon, N6VS, for illuminating the evidence with his pocket flashlight. With his typical efficiency, Harry promptly dispatched the form. After anxiously waiting several days and then finally seeing my call posted on the DXCC application submission list, I relaxed, believing that the only remaining step was for the ARRL staff to process those ahead of me in the queue and then "officially" give me credit.

My response arrived on the 9th. I was pleased with the rapid turn around and anticipated success as I tore open the envelope. But instead I received despair and disappointment from the words "The following cards have NOT been credited for the following reason - No documentation received." Unwilling to accept defeat so easily, I immediately contacted Martii OH2BH and Olli OH0XX. I thanked them again for a superb operation, suggested that out of their 20K QSOs and 13K uniques, a few of us would be submitting the QSL for DXCC credit and urged them to submit their paperwork. On Sunday, the 11th, Olli told me that he had just sent an email to NC1L with his docs attached. On the 14th, Bill approved the operation and on the 17th, my 10m DXCC standing increased to 320. I hope my efforts also increased your DXCC total(s).

Ron, N0RR

SDDXC TOP 10
By John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON DIGITAL

8/13	8/12	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	NN6K	40	325	325	326	+1
2.	2.	K0XB	40	318	323	323	+1
3.	3.	N7CW	39	266	266	311	+15
4.	5.	W6YOO	38	254	258	258	+3
5.	10.	K6XT	40	231	233	233	+87
6.	8.	WB6BFG	40	195	195	215	+32
7.	-	WN6K	39	162	163	201	NEW
8.	7.	AD6ZJ	36	176	177	191	+8
9.	6.	W6CN		173	176	185	-

All the action is happening in the middle of the pack with four players making significant jumps including Paul, WN6K, pulling onto the track in 7th place. NN6K holds on to the lead, but Rick, K0XB is right behind pressing to take back his first place position. There are plenty of new ones out there for the rest of us, so give the digital modes a try. Digital is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK31 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot RTTY mode is now heard mostly only on contest weekends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog or N1MM and a sound blaster card, but now I'm hearing good things about a new decoder called "2Tone". Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

SDDXC RESULTS
2012 CQ WORLDWIDE CW DX CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
MS - HP	ZF1A (K6AM N6AN K5PI K5WA ops)	15,918,686	7,858	853	# 1 NA. # 1 ZONE 8 # 5 WORLD
SO - HP	W6YI (N6MJ op)	5,609,560	3,495	605	# 1 ZONE 3 # 18 NA
SO - LP	WN6K	642,786	877	298	# 4 ZONE 3
SA - HP	N6NC	597,773	652	341	
SO HP 40M	K6NA	529,247	1,249	157	# 1 ZONE 3 # 3 NA # 11 WORLD
SA - LP	K5OA/6	243,294	413	246	# 4 ZONE 3
SO - LP	ZF2AH (W6VNR)	167,131	964	97	# 10 ZONE 8
SA HP 10M	N6ND	114,681	330	129	# 1 ZONE 3 # 10 NA
SA QRP	N6KI	97,650	217	175	# 1 ZONE 3 # 7 NA



How's DX?

This page consists of historical data so members can share information or brag about their accomplishments. For real time info, monitor the club 2m spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz. For future DX info subscribe to the ARRL weekly DX bulletin and/or W3UR's newsletter.

DX worked by SDDXC members during the summer doldrums

Station	Band	Date	Time	By	Station	Band	Date	Time	By
5W1SA	40 CW	12-Aug	0603	WB6BFG	XU7TZG	20 CW	5-Aug	1437	NN6R
8R1AK	17 SSB	19-Aug	2314	WB6BFG	XZ1Z	20 SSB	14-Aug	1504	NN6R
CX2DK	30 CW	22-Aug	0202	WB6BFG	YU3AA	17 SSB	12-Aug	1700	WB6BFG
EA3BOX	40 SSB	22-Aug	0438	WB6BFG	YW5X	30 RTTY	22-Aug	0252	WB6BFG
ER3ZZ	17 RTTY	20-Aug	1924	WB6BFG	YW5X	17 SSB+CW	22-Aug	1600	WB6BFG
HVOA	20 CW	10-Aug	0410	WB6BFG	YW5X	40 CW	23-Aug	0449	NORR
HVOA	20 SSB	13-Aug	0126	NN6R	YW5X	15 SSB	23-Aug	1548	WB6BFG
HVOA	20 CW			AI6O	Z21MA	20 SSB	21-Aug	1504	WB6BFG
HVOA	30 CW			AI6O	Z6/LZ1BJ	18 CW	10-Aug	1519	NN6R
MD0CCE	20 CW	10-Aug		AI6O	ZD7FT	10 SSB	25-Aug	2012	NORR
MJ0CTR	30 CW	10-Aug	0555	WB6BFG	ZS8Z	20 SSB	14-Aug	1350	NN6R
MJ0CTR	20 CW	19-Aug	1333	WB6BFG					
OY/DL3UB	17 CW	4-Aug	1525	WB6BFG					
OZ/DF2SD	17 RTTY	20-Aug	1927	WB6BFG					
PY2COY	12 SSB	19-Aug	2230	WB6BFG					
S546EB	20 SSB	12-Aug	0438	WB6BFG					
UA0ZC	12 SSB	19-Aug	2238	WB6BFG					
V5/DK9IP	30 CW	13-Aug		AI6O					
VR2AJ	40 CW	24-Aug	1324	NORR					
XE2HQI	40 CW	12-Aug	0616	WB6BFG					

QSLs received this month

Station	Via
VP5H	D
TX5K	D
9V1R	D
XW4XR	D
BU2AQ	D
Z81X	OH0XX
HP1AC	D

ATTN: Ham radio folks , others that want to know Sad day when Tom Christian, VP6TC, Pitcairn Island, became a SILENT KEY. I recall years ago sending him \$\$\$ in small donations so that he could buy gasoline for his generator to have electricity to operate the HAM RADIO there. That was, of course, one way to get your confirmed QSL contact from him. However, he was always around and a fixture of that RARE ONE out there in ham radio land. History gone now with his passing

For your information ... 73s ANDY wa6wxd CUL>

2013 Summer Bash Guestbook Info

K6NA	Glenn	SDDX	K6YUI	Larry	SCDX	K6EVR	Ron	
	Jane	YL of K6NA	W6GMU	Paul	SCDX		Kathie	guest K6EVR
N6JOJ	Tom	SDDX	W6VXN	Pat	SCDX	N6DD	Dennis	
K6AM	John	SDDX	W6VX	Rich	SCDX		Cheryle	guest N6DD
N6UWW	Ellen	SDDX	K6IRD	Sharon	SCDX	W6MVW	Dick	
WB6BFG	Wild Bill	SDDX	W6IRD	Wayne	SCDX	K6AH	Andre	SCCC
AG6KA	Noel	SDDX	N6HY	Ernie	SCDX	K9AOG	Steven	SCCC
WA6MHZ	Pat	SDDX		Belinda	guest N6HY	KQ6PK	Troy	
N6XT	Ron	SDDX	WU6D	Carl	SCDX	AF6TC	Mark	
	Thellie	guest N6XT	N6AA	Dick	SCDX	N6AN	David	SCCC
N6NC	Larry	SDDX	K6VC	Cathy	SCDX	N6ED	Craig	SCCC
KA6PEG	Peggy	SDDX	K6SY	Mel	SCDX			
N6VS	Leon	SDDX	K6KSY	Doris	SCDX			
WB6FWS	Dan	SDDX	WA6WZC	Fried	SCDX			
W6NWF	Viv	SDDX	WA6WZN	Sandi	SCDX			
KI6SBL	Rob	SDDX	N6VI	Marty	SCDX			
W6YOO	Harry	SDDX	N6HC	Arnie	SCDX			
W6JAC	Jerry	SDDX	N6HD	David	SCDX			
W6KH	Dick	SDDX	W6XD	Art	SCDX			
K6GO	Gayle	SDDX		Mary Ellen	guest W6XD			
NA6MB	Mike	SDDX	KI6X	Dan	SCDX			
NN6R	Wayne	SDDX	N6GP	Tim	SCDX			
W6HDG	Howard	SDDX	W6SQC	Cass	SCDX			
N6WST	John	SDDX	W6NOW	Juan	SCDX			
N6ERD	Dan	SDDX		Sebastian	guest W6NOW			
K6KAL	Dick	SDDX	W6SJ	Randy	SCDX			
AF6WF	Rusty	SDDX	NK6A	Don	SCDX			
AA6JJ	Jim	SDDX	KJ6YL	Marilyn	SCDX			
	AA6JJ YL	guest AA6JJ	KJ6Y	Skip	SCDX			
W6NV	Oliver	NCCC	N6RV	Bill	SCDX			
K6AW	Steve	NCCC	KK6FSQ	Becky	SCDX			
W6YI	Jim	SDDX	W6HB	Doug	SCDX			
	Margie	guest W6YI		Anne	guest W6HB			
WN6K	Paul	SDDX	N6MXU	Bill	SCDX			
W6YA	Jim	SDDX	N6MXC	Leida	SCDX			
W6ERO	Don	SQCC	K6QU	Jerry	SCDX			
N5ZO	Marko	SDDX	N6TI	Nori	SCDX			
	Ari	guest N5ZO		Vickie	guest N6TI			
K6BK	Mitch	SDDX	K5KT	Joe	SCDX			
K6AR	Jim	SDDX	K5KKT	Marian	SCDX			
NA6L	John	SDDX	KE6BUH	Carolyn	SCDX			
K5OA	Russ	SDDX	W6MUB	Art				
N6CW	Terry	SDDX		Pat	guest W6MUB			
AE6BH	Bud	SDDX	N6LL	Paul	SCDX			
W4EG	Ernest	SDDX	N6RU	Richard	SCDX			
	W4EG YL	guest W4EG	N6CU	Sandi	SCDX			
KE6A	Steve	SDDX	KC6TOD	Kris	SCDX			
AD6ZJ	Loren	SDDX	N6VNI	George	SCDX			
N6KI	Dennis	SDDX		Lorelei	guest N6VNI			
			KE6BUH	Carolyn	SCDX			



Now we know why the bands were QRM-free in SoCal on August 11th



Recognize these SDDXC members?



“The Victorian Internet” by Tom Standage

A Book Review by Charlie NN3V

This book is a must read for any ham radio operator. From the confirmed DX champion, to the dyed in the wool CW contester, or the newest tech licensee, everyone will find amusement and wonder in this book’s pages describing the *incredible impact Morse code and telegraphy had on the world in the mid1800s*.

Mr. Standage takes the reader on a jargon-free, can’t -put-the-book-down amusing narrative on the triumphs and foibles among many early inventors who contributed to the development of telegraphy and the *codes and ciphers that led directly to today’s internet-wired world*.

Starting in 1746, French monks painfully demonstrated the instantaneous transmission of electric current along a one mile pair of electric cables; the book describes the amazing interconnection of European cities using optical telegraph towers, many of them located on high ground points that retain the name “Telegraph Hill” to this day. Pioneered by the French, *optical telegraph systems permeated everyday living*, giving rise to the first commercial distance communication efforts.

But it was not until 1832 that *Samuel B Morse*, then a portrait painter by trade, happened upon the *inspiration for telegraphy* while discussing distance communications with a fellow steamship passenger returning from Europe. Years earlier Morse had suffered the late receipt of news of his wife’s death (news from his home town of Boston took five days to reach Washington DC where he was staying). The discussion of electromagnetic phenomena for distance effects with the fellow steamship passenger sparked Morse’s interest in developing a “code” and the means to transmit news to distant locations. *The rest is history*.

The book describes the many parallel efforts that transpired simultaneously with the development of the earliest telegraphs. Morse’s apparatus was far simpler than European versions, however competition was fierce. In England, Cooke’s system was adopted by the railroad companies at first, eventually to be nationalized into the British Post Office service.

Fascinating account is given of the effort to connect Europe to North America using telegraph wires. The pioneer effort of Wheatstone (for whom the Wheatstone bridge is named) nearly sank the effort due to Wheatstone’s incompetence. Fortunately cooler heads prevailed, and in August 1857 the two continents were connected with the first transatlantic cable. The frenzy that ensued soon had the world interconnected to such an extent that diplomats toasted one another with the expectation that wars and strife would become a thing of the past thanks to instantaneous communications!

The book presents lively chapters dedicated to “Codes, Hackers, and Cheats” describing how for every idea of useful telegraphy use, a scam soon followed (sound familiar?). “Love Over The Wires” describes how *amorous encounters and weddings were arranged via telegraph*, and how the family of telegraph operators became an eclectic and highly paid stratum of society in mass demand for their code skills. “War and Peace in the Global Village” recounts the beginning use of telegraphy to deceive and confuse military and commercial competitors, giving rise to the era of disinformation!

As the use of telegraphy mushroomed, interconnecting countries, businesses, and even families, Morse, Cooke, and others started looking for ways to automate telegraphy and improve the efficiency of information transmission. The era of bandwidth expansion ensued, the system became automated, and the family of telegraph operators lamented the loss of skills among the newcomers to the code transmission business!

The last two chapters of the book, "Information Overload" and "The Legacy of the Telegraph" describe how the advances of telegraphy paved the way for the telephone, FAX, and the modern day means of communications. For example, Henry Baudot pioneered the electronic optical scanner for one automatic telegraph system, and in the process created the Baudot code on which the ASCII protocol for modern day internet communications are based.

Many anecdotal references are present throughout the book. For example, professional telegraphers in the major telegraph offices referred to lesser operators in rural offices as "hams". A "ham" was considered an inferior code transmitter! Begs the question of how we came to be called hams. *Were amateur radio operators considered inferior CW operators?*

The book closes with a vivid description of the demise of telegraphic service in the United States when Western Union ceased all telegraph service in 2006, and then paints a vivid contrast between the Victorian Internet and our current internet wired world. In essence, *all that is old is new again!*

"The Victorian Internet" by Tom Standage is a 200 page eminently readable paperback that lists for \$14.95, is available from Amazon.com for \$10.17, and can be purchased used online for \$7.61. The book is a fun, fast read, full of fascinating information about a technology near and dear to the amateur radio hobby, and will complement any serious library of technology information.

I rate it a "must read".
73 de NN3V

Hi,

Nothing to report, I am OFF to JAPAN HAM CONVENTION, IN A FEW DAYS, WILL GO TO MY FAVORITE PALACE "AKAHARBA", WHERE YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING ELECTRONIC, MUCH FUN, PICTURE HERE IS WHAT I AM BRINGING BACK TO San Diego to erect, (LUSO 180Ft crank up moterized) Where's Glen when u need him? I hope they will let me bring it on as luggage!

Joe-san

W6vnr/ JH1KTY, ZF2AH, etc,...more

